The progress regarding utilization of funds by different Khadi & Village Industries Boards as on 21.12.2001 is given below:

(Figures in Rs. lakhs)

	REGP received upto 31.3.2000	Released during 2000-01	Released during 2001-02	Total received by the Board	Utilised by Board as on 21.12.2001
Total in the country	10005.00	1942.50	956.50	12904.00	9701.16
Rajasthan	1040.00	0.00	370.00	1410.00	1040.00
Orissa	385.00	0.00	0.00	385.00	268.59

The schemes/programmes for the development of small scale sector are uniformly implemented throughout the country and State-wise allocation of funds is not made.

KVIC projects in Gujarat

1904. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether KVIC has taken up projects or industries in Gujarat under the Rural Employment Generation Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise and district-wise; and

(c) what is the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The projects sanctioned under the Rural Employment Generation Programme in the State of Gujarat for the last three years are as under:

Year	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
Projects	20	169	356

However, the District-wise information in respect of sanctioning of projects in not maintained centrally.

(c) Under this Programme, the KVIC provides one time margin money assistance at the rate of 25% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for the project above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs rate of margin money is 25% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining cost of the project. In the case of weaker sections *viz.* SC/ST/ Women/Physically Handicapped/Ex-Servicemen and Minority Community beneficiary/institution and for hill border and tribal areas, North Eastern Region, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Lakshadweep, the margin money grant is 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs but above this amount and upto Rs. 25 lakhs it is 10% of the remaining cost of the project. The beneficiary is required to invest his own contribution of 10% of the project cost. In case of SC/ST and other weaker sections, beneficiary's contribution is 5% of the project cost. This scheme is being implemented through Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks and on selective basis through Cooperative Banks and Private Sector Scheduled Commercial Banks. The Banks provide the balance funds for the projects as a term loan. As far as present status of such projects/industries is concerned the Government does not maintain any data on the commercial operations of such industries.

Potentiality of Agro-Based Rural Industires in NE States

1905. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied potentiality of the agro-based rural industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any plan to bring the potentiality into reality?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) to (c) A High Power Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri K.C. Pant, Dy. Chairman, Planning Commission to suggest suitable measures for